



Mental Health Transformation Grant

Permanent Enrichment Program Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Local Service Area: New Haven, CT

Primary Service Focus: Homelessness and Housing

Secondary Focus: Trauma and Justice

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Evidence-Based Practice(s): Permanent Supportive Housing

Project Description: The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), the City of New Haven Housing Authority, Advocacy Unlimited, and community-based supportive housing providers, intends to expand and enhance services for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) in coordination with new and enhanced existing supportive housing services in New Haven, CT. Through integrated use of supportive housing, trauma-informed care, primary healthcare, supportive employment, and peer supports, individuals will be engaged in comprehensive approaches essential to move towards housing stability, sustained recovery, and self-sufficiency. This initiative will increase access to newly proposed permanent housing for 12 individuals (annually) and enhanced existing supportive housing programming for 33 individuals (annually) in New Haven. The Connecticut Mental Health Transformation Collaborative will serve a minimum of 45 individuals with SMI (annually), with a total of 225 individuals served over the 5-year project period.